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Applicants: K. AOTA, et al.
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AMENDMENT

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February 27, 2006

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 26, 2005, the period for response having been extended for one (1) month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.